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In application of)	
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Serial No. 09/168,770)	EXAMINER:
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FLAMELESS COMBUSTOR PROCESS HEATER)	

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendment to the above-identified patent application prior to examination. This amendment adds equations that were inadvertently left off of the originally filed specification. These equations explain the requirement for coke suppressant additive in the fuel gas stream of the present combustors. This requirement has been explained in the prior art, for example, U.S. Patent No. 5,255,742. Insertion of these equations therefore is not adding new material.

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